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14 June 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Economic Research

THROUGH : Director of Strategic Research  
 THROUGH : Chief, Planning Staff, OSR  
 THROUGH : Chief, Theater Forces Division, OSR

SUBJECT : Production Series for Major Items of Military Equipment, 1957-1967

REFERENCE : March 1968 Memorandum from D/CER Requesting Support on Re-examining the Chinese Communist Industrial Production Index

1. Production series for the major categories of military equipment are attached. Included also are summaries of significant production milestones, and statements outlining the methodology and sources used to establish the series. The general degree of confidence which can be assigned to individual series has also been indicated.

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2. Prior tabulations are available only for the naval construction programs and are contained in [redacted]  
 [redacted] Previously estimated production estimates covering the other major military production categories have been reviewed and revised each year, but have not been published. Therefore, an "old" series cannot be reconstructed.

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3. Copies of the attached tables have been forwarded to Cost Analysis Branch (PA/C) for costing in dollars based on the valuations of similar Soviet equipment. As suggested in the referenced memorandum, conversion to yuan prices, if possible, will be handled by consultation between appropriate personnel in CER and OSR.

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 Acting Chief,  
 China Branch, SR/TF

Attachment: (52-[redacted])  
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